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Recall Petition Thrown Out

Mayor J. C. Ellis Makes Some Very Pertinent Statements

Members of the City Council met in what proved to be one of the stormiest sessions of that body ever held in this city last Tuesday evening with all the members of the board present and a packed house to witness the proceedings.

The first order of business was the reading and adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting.

A communication from F. L. W. MacDonald accepting his appointment as a member of the City Planning Commission to succeed Miss Gale, was read and ordered filed.

A communication from Mark A. McCann declining to accept an appointment on the Planning Commission was also read and ordered filed.

An application for the office of City Poundmaster was received from Albert Merikofer and was filed.

The following communication was received and read from K. L. Martin:

To the City Council of the
City of Menlo Park.
Gentlemen:

As a resident, elector and tax payer of the City of Menlo Park, and as a signer of the petition on file in the office of the clerk of said city demanding the recall from office of Alfred E. Blake and Alexander Walker, trustees and members of the City Council of Menlo Park and demanding the calling of a special election for the purpose of recalling said persons from office and the election of a successor to each of said Trustees and Members of said City Council, I hereby demand that said City Council forthwith cause a special election to be held within the time provided by law to determine whether the voters of said City of Menlo Park will recall said Trustees and Members of said City Council of said City of Menlo Park, Alfred E. Blake and Alexander Walker.

Dated at Menlo Park, California, January 8th, 1929.

K. L. MARTIN.

The resignation of D. E. O'Keefe and Frank W. Johnson as members of the City Planning Commission was read and on motion were accepted.

Councilman A. E. Blake read the annual report of the chief of police, as follows:

January 1, 1929.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees
Of the City of Menlo Park.
Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen:

The following is my report of the year 1928, ending December 31st., as License Collector and Chief of Police:

Business licenses collected from Menlo Park Mechants	$2250.00
Licenses Collected from outside	1822.69
Dog Licenses	185.00
Total	$4072.69
Total arrests made during year of 1928	354
Total fines collected from Motor Vehicle Violators	$2342.00
Total fines collected from other violators	5157.50
Total fines	7499.50
Grand total of licenses and fines	$11,572.19
Number of automobile accidents investigated	47
Number of injured persons taken to hospitals	11

Respectfully submitted
THOMAS FURMAN,
Chief of Police.

The report was ordered filed.

The Treasurer's report was next read and also a letter from him asking for salary according to the amount of time consumed by the work. The letter was referred to City Attorney Whitworth for his opinion in the matter.

At this juncture the fireworks began when Councilman Dale moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up a resolution setting the date for the recall election asked for in a petition which was filed with the board at a previous date.

At this point City Attorney Whitworth rose to his feet and asked for permission to speak which was granted.

The following is in subtance the statement of the opinion rendered by Whitworth in connection with the recall petition:

"When a duly certified recall petition is submitted to the City Council, it becomes the duty of that body under the law to call an election. That duty is mandatory only when a duly certified and sufficient petition is presented; it is not mandatory if the petition is insufficient in form or in substance. The City Council is vested with no discretion to review the action of the city clerk in respect to the recall petition; that is, in the sense that the clerk's certificate conclusively establishes those things which it is the duty of the clerk to do, the certificate is final and not subject to revision by the Council. This does not mean, however, that the certificate is final as to those things which it is not the duty of the clerk to do, nor is it final if the clerk has failed to perform her duty. The duty of the clerk in respect to such petition is to examine and from the records of registration ascertain whether or not the petition is signed by the requisite number of qualified voters, and to attach to the petition her certificate showing the result of such examination. The clerk's certificate is likewise not final on the questions of fraud or forgery, and consequently these various matters are proper subjects to be passed upon by the City Council. To the extent indicated the question of whether the City Council is justified in any particular case in refusing to call an election will depend upon the facts presented."

Before taking the vote on the matter Mayor J. C. Ellis rose to his feet and stated that he had something to say in regard to the matter, and his talk was both forceful and convincing.

Ellis began his talk with the statement that he had given the matter very serious consideration and that it was a very serious matter. He stated that on the 30th of August Councilman came to his place of business and said that he had had someone watching the police department for some time and that they had been accepting money from the Chinese in Chinatown.

Ellis said that Weeden told him that he and Councilman Dale wished him to accompany them to Chinatown that evening and that the Chinaman would pass some marked bills ($80) to Officer Eddie Feeley that night at eight o'clock

The time was later changed to nine o'clock as the Chinaman would not be there at that time.

The three men, Weeden, Dale and Ellis, met and went to Chinatown where they entered a house overlooking the street. Officer Feeley passed through Chinatown twice without stopping but on the third trip through, as he made his regular rounds, he stopped his machine in the street at 8:45 and leaving the engine running left the machine and looked into a house on the other side of the street.

At this time the Councilmen approached the machine but could find no money, marked or otherwise, secreted therein. The Mayor said that up to this time he had believed Officer Feeley to be guilty. Feeley was then requested to meet the Councilmen at the city hall which he did and upon the most careful questioning refused to admit that he had taken any money at any time from the Chinese. The Mayor said that he went home and could not sleep for thhinking of the matter and what it would mean to accuse an officer of such a crime, and possibly send him to prison. Ellis said that the thing was not right and as the Chinatown affair was back of the recall petition and he should therefore vote no.

The mayor also stated that in his belief the petition had been fraudulantly signed.

Councilman Weeden then asked for the floor and said that he desired to make a correction, he said in substance, While I believe that I am out of order I will state I told you we were going there about 7 o'clock; the Chinamen sent word they would not come until nine. I told you I had nothing further to say.

Chief of Police Thomas Furman asked that he be heard at this time and was given the floor. He said "There are a lot of whispers going around and it is now a good time to clear up the Chinatown matter.

At this point Councilman Weeden rose to a point of order, stating that the matter being discussed was out of order. Upon being referred to the City Attorney, who stated that as the Chief had been allowed to start he should be allowed to finish and Mayor Ellis ruled that the Chief be heard.

Furman said, "I made the proposition to you, Mayor Weeden then, Councilman Weeden now, that I would go in a room alone with you and your five associates at any time and if you could prove one thing that I had done here or any where else that was wrong I would turn in my star and my resignation. I asked to be allowed to speak. I am willing and ready at all times to appear before the public or the Council and tell all that happened in Chinatown."

Councilman Dale continually interrupted the Chief of Police during his statement of the case and hurled the short and ugly word "lie" several times

Chief of Police Furman stated that he could name the men who were against him and started to do so when the Mayor asked him not to mention names, and at this juncture some three or four people in the room rudely laughed in an uprroarous manner and Mayor Ellis told the Chief to mention all the names he wished.

The vote on the order to call an election resulted as follows: Councilman Blake, No; Dale, Yes; Ellis, No; Walker, No; Weeden, No.

Following the vote quiet was again restored and the Council continued with its business.

On motion of Blake and Walker an Ordinance was introduced to amend Ordinance No. 29, with Dale voting No.

Plans for a new theatre building were presented to the Council and same was referred to the Building Inspector.

On motion the clerk was instructed to write to Mrs. Plate and notify her that the City may consider the matter of putting Live Oak avenue through, and in such event her lot on that street line would be taken over by the city.

Thhere being no furter business the Council adjourned to January 22.

New Theater Will Be Built

Charles Palmer Takes Over Shell Station

Charles Palmer, popular young man of this city, who has been for the past ten years an employee of the Shell Oil Company for the past nine years, will take over the big Shell Service Station on the corner of Santa Cruz avenue and the highway, according to reports received today.

Palmer will convert the station into a real Super Station, installing two new visable gasoline pumps and a hydraulic lift to be used in the oiling and greasing of cars, as well as in cleaning them.

Young Palmer will carry a full line of high hgrade accessories and anything that is needed for the car can be secured from the new tation.

Shell service will be maintained and Shell products carried in stock at all times.

Atherton Man Is Laid To Rest

Funeral services for Ralph H. Handy, 51, managed of te Arrow Oil Company, San Francisco, whose death occurred Wednesday in Atherton will be held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in the chapel at Cypress Lawn Cemetery, Lawndale. Handy, a native of Wyoming, had been a resident of Atherton for the past four months. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Stella M. Handy and a daughter, Miriam E. Handy. The service will be under the direction of Roller and Hapgood of Palo Atlo.

Special Services at Presbyterian Church

A very special service will be held at the Presbyterian church next Sunday on account of the expected visit of Rev. C. L. Duncan of San Francisco who will be present for a conference with the young people of the Christian Endeavor Societies and will preach at the evening service. This service will be a Young People's service. There will be special music by the orchestra, a Pageant by the young people "Light for the Darkness," and an address to young people by Mr. Duncan. Mr. Duncan is the coast representative of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church and his coming is of special interest to the young people of the church as well as others who are interested in the Christian education of youth. A special invitation is extended to everybody.

Communion Service will be conducted by the pastor and elders at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning. The sermon subject will be "Not Servants but Friends."

Miss Myra Kurtz, daughter of City Clerk Fannie I. Kurtz, is out of school at present following an operation on her foot. She is doing nicely at present.

Menlo Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West, will hold an afternoon card party in the Duff and Doyle hall next Thursday, January 17 at 2:30. A large number of fine prizes will be offered for high scores.

Menlo Park Native Daughters will hold a Christmas Party in Duff and Doyle hall next Monday night.

MUSIC by LeRoy V. Brant (Mus.Mus.A.I.G.O.)

Editor's Note: As an added service to readers this paper has arranged with Mr. Brant to answer any questions regarding musical points where a subscriber desires advice. No charge will be made for such service, but when writing the conductor of the column a self-addressed envelope must be enclosed, and the name of this paper mentioned. Communications should be mailed to LeRoy V. Brant, director The Institute of Music, 97 South Sixth Street, San Jose, Calif.

Two Sides To The Musical Question

The student of music should develope his musical appreciation as well as his musical technique. As he goes to the teacher, he usually receives sound technical preparation. It is certain, however, that his understanding of music is always greater than his ability to execute.

For that reason every earnest lover of good music should attend concerts, recitals, study clubs, and all other methods of developing his musical life.

I can very well remember that some of the greatest lessons which I received in over thirty years of musical study were not given by some of the masters at whose feet I sat, but were rather had in the hearing of some of the great symphony orchestras, chorale societies, and artists of like calibre.

This article does not, in any way, discount the work of the teacher, but merely suggests a supplement to that work. The average music student is indifferent to concerts because he feels he is going some place to hear something highbrow. This indifference is based only on a lack of understanding and if the students will pay attention to such means of musical advancement as I have suggested over a period of one year, he will be almost certain to continue the use of such methods for the rest of his life.

Autos Checked As Baggage On Daily Schedule

Automobile baggage car service over the snow-covered Sierra summit between Sacramento and Reno is now being given daily by te Southern Pacific Company to meet the demands of the motorists.

A tri-weekly schedule for the "snow shed ferry" over the mountain snow drifts was announced by the company on December 26. Immediate popularity of the service called for daily operation of the car.

The charge for checking motor cars as baggage between Sacramento and Reno is approximately 10 cents a mile and by availing themselves of the service, motorists have found a safe way over thhe Sierra Nevada Mountains in snow time. The automobile baggage car will be operated for the remained of the winter.

Motorists may now drive to the rail way station in Sacramento or Reno, obtain a check for thheir machines at low cost, board the train across the mountains without trouble.

The special baggage car has end doors and automobiles are driven aboard by means of an inclined runway. There is no inconvenience attendant upon loading or unloading cars.

Plans For Structure Presented to Council

Menlo Park is in line for a fine new Theatre Building to be erected on Santa Cruz avenue between the Highway and Doyle street, the cost of which will be in the neighborhood of $40,000.

The building to be a class A concrete structure containing on its lower floor three stores in addition to the theatre auditorium which will have a seating capacity of about 800 persons. A passage extending from the front of the building to the rear and across the rear on an alley will provide ample and rapid means of exit in case of an emergency. The upper floor will contain club rooms that will front on Santa Cruz avenue.

The new building will be strictly modern and up-to-date in all of its fittings and a fine heating and ventilating system will be installed, in fact nothing will be overlooked that will make for the comfort and convenience of the tenants and patrons of the structure.

It is expected that work will be started as soon as a permit can be obtained from the City Council.

This is but the first of many new buildings and new business enterprises that will come into town as soon as the city government is stabalized, and capitalists and business men can be assured of what the future of the city will be.

Woman Land In Jail On Serious Charge

Erratic and reckless driving of a car up San Mateo avenue, San Bruno, on Wednesday afternoon resulted in the landing in jail overnight of Mrs. M. Julia Hackett of 215 Tingley street, San Francisco, where she languished until next day when she deposited bail in the sum of $500 to answer outhaged law for her "Whopee" jaunt up San Bruno's main busines sstreet.

Chief Maher while patrolling the avenue Wednesday afternoon had his attention called to the wild and irresponsible progress of the car, and watched its career south, when he noticed its collision with a car standing in front of Frank Stewart's restaurant wrecking it badly. It was then that the arrest in question took place in Chief Maher's most charming but insistant manner, the landing in jail following in orderly and lawful sequence.

Mrs. Hackett will appear for hearing in City Judge Rudolph Rapsey's court tomorrow morning. Bail has been fixed at $500.

Mrs. Hackett was driving the expensive car of Mrs. Mollie B. DeVeer of the same address. Mrs. Hackett's husband is said to work in Oakland.

Mrs. Hackett was accompanied by the five-year old daughter of the DeVeers. When questioned at Redwood City she said she had had an accident just a year ago near Redwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McH. Campbell and son have just returned from the South. Among the places of interest included in their itinerary were Catalina, Prescott and Jerome, Arizona, and the Boulder Dam Country. With the exception of four feet of snow on Mt. Mingus in Arizona, the weather was delightful.

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Burlingame "Hi" to Submit New Meeting Plan

The regular monthly meeting of the Burlingame High School P. T. A. is to be held at the High School little theatre on Monday night, January 14, 1929, instead of the usual first Monday of the month.

A full attendance is urged as two matters of supreme importance are to be considered.

A nominating committee is to be elected at the meeting, whose duty will be to present the names of officers for the new term of office.

A proposal is also to b made and considered in reference to having day and night monthly meetings alternatively. The day meeting will be in charge of the woman-vice-president, with the desire of having all mothers present. The night meeting will be in charge of the man-president, and a special effort made to present matters of particular interest to "Dads".

As an inducement for fathers to attend, it has been suggested that certificates will be issued allowing father an additional night out, with no questions asked, for each night attendance at the meetings.

Bridge Celebration May Be State Function

With the near completion of the San Mateo-Mt. Eden bridge in sight talk of a State celebration upon its opening on or about March 1st, is being heard.

Dedication of the structure will mark the completion of the longest highway bridge in the world and one distinguished for new engineering achievements.

Its length from shore line to shore line will be 7.1 miles, with the western approach from San Mateo measuring three miles, and the eastern approach from Mt. Eden near Hayward measuring 1.75 miles. The cost of the completed project will be approximately $7,500,000.

Arrangements are being made by Arthur Batty, president of the San Francisco Bay Toll Bridge Company for suitable ceremonies to mark the opening of the bridge. This event will be in conjunction with the fixing in place of the central lift span, 303 feet long and weighing 715 tons, which will bridge the ship channel.

It is planned that the dedication ceremony will be attende dby officials of the state and the cities and counties around the bay. Delegations also are expected from the civic bodies of the Sacramento and San Joaquin valley cities, for which the bridge will provide the quickest communication to and from San Francisco.

According to the road tests embodied in the traffic survey of the project, the new bridge will be the quickest highway route to San Francisco from San Joaquin and Sacramento valley points.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of San Mateo.

In the Matter of the Estate of GEORGE LEONARD HATFIELD, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Bank of Italy National Trust and Savings Association Executor of the estate of George Leonard Hatfield deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of San Mateo, or to exhiibt the same, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Bank of Italy National Trust and Saving Association at its San Bruno Branch, at No. 500 San Mateo avenue, San Bruno, San Mateo County, California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate in the County of San Mateo, State of California.

Dated this 21st day of December, A. D. 1928.

ERNEST HARRISON,
Attorney for Bank of Italy National Trust and Savings Association, Executor of the Will of George Leonard Hatfield, deceased.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FLORA SHARP HUBERT, also known as Flora S. Hubert, Deceased.

No. 4616.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Administratrix of the estate of Flora Sharp Hubert, also known as Flora S. Hubert, deecased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent, to file them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of Caliofrnia, in and for the county of San Mateo, or to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said Administratrix at her residence number 456 Beach Street, San Bruno, San Mateo County, California, which said residence the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of Flora Sharp Hubert, also known as Flora S. Hubert, deceased.

HELEN BETTENCOURT,
Administratrix of the Estate of Flora Sharp Hubert, also known as Flora S. Hubert, Deceased.

Dated: Redwood City, December 7th, 1928.

ALBERT T. ROCHE: Attorney for Administratrix, 1052 Humboldt Bank Building, San Francisco, California.

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Rancher Iinstantly Killed At Millbrae on Tuesday

Sheriff's officers and police departments of San Mateo county cities, joined by San Francisco and San Jose police, Santa Clara county deputy sheriffs, and state traffic officers are joined in a vigorous search for a hit-run driver, who last Tuesday night struck and killed Eugenio Faravelli, a Millbrae rancher.

Faravelli was crossing the road to his ranch near Millbrae about 7 o'clock when one of two wildly racing automobiles driving south and taking up most of the road struck him and sped on.

B. E. Cleveland, Palo Alto, a passing motorist, stopped and picked up the unconscious rancher and rushed him to the Mills Memorial hospital where on arrival he was pronounced dead.

Within a few minutes after the killing of Faravelli, State Traffic Officer James Wallace and Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Nieri were notified and started in pursuit of two speeding cars, the trail of which they lost in the traffic.

Sheriff J. J. McGrath states he had secured a meagre description of the hit-run car and that his deputies were scouring the garages throughout the county for a slightly damaged brown sedan.

An inquest over the body of Faravelli was held yesterday afternoon by Coroner J. C. McGovern at the funeral home of S. Nieri, South San Francisco, a verdict of manslaughter being returned against an unknown party. Funeral services will be held Saturday. Interment will be in the Italian cemetery at Lawndale.

Faravelli, it was shown, had sold his half interest in the ranch at Millbrae Monday, and had completed arrangements to return to eGnoa, Italy, to visit his mother, and a married son and daughter, who survive him.

The only surviving relative in this country is Felice Faravelli, nephew, who lives at Mountain View.

Burlingame Theater

With the closing of the second week of Vitaphone programs at the Peninsula Theatre approaching, Manager Browne today announced that the attendance since the opening of the new policy has been greater by far than any previous period. Vitaphone has caught the public imagination and the people have been crowding the theatre each night since its advent.

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In presenting Al Jolso nin "The Singing Fool", which is the headline attraction of the new bill which starts on Sunday, December 13, the management feels that it is keeping its word with their patrons—the promise made that the biggest, best and latest attracions in the market will always be presented at the Peninsula.

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Kansas City, Mo.	$40.00	Houston, Texas	$40.00
St. Joseph, Mo.	$40.00	San Antonio, Texas	$40.00
Omaha, Neb.	$40.00	Denver, Colorado Springs or Pueblo, Colo.	$30.00
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF T STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND R THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO.
No. 14,967

M. E. McDONALD, Plaintiff, vs. A PERSONS Claiming any Interest in, Lien upon, the Real Property herein scribed, or any part thereof, Defenda

Ernest A. Wilson, San Mateo, Cal., torney for Plaintiff.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE CALIFORNIA SEND GREETING TO: persons claiming any interest in, or upon, the real property herein described any part thereof, defendants:

You are hereby required to appear a answer the complaint of M. E. McDona plaintiff, filed with the Clerk of the ab entitled Court and County, within th months after the first publication of t Summons, and to set forth what inter or lien, if any, you have in or upon t certain real property or any part ther situate in the City of Daly City, County San Mateo, State of California, and partic larly described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 1 in Block 5 as designated on the map entitled, "MAP NO. 1 VISTA GRANDE SAN MATEO CO. CALIF." which map was filed in the office of the Recorder of the County of San Mateo, State of California on November 5, 1906, in Liber "V" of Maps at page 35 and a copy entered in Liber 4 of Maps at page 41.

AND YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIE that unless you so appear and answer, t plaintiff will apply to the Court for t relief demanded in the complaint, to-wi That this Court by its judgment and d cree ascertain and determine all estate rights, titles, interests and claims in an to said real property and every part ther of, whether the same be legal or equitabl present or future, vested or contingent, o whether the same consists of mortgages o liens of any description; that it be ad judged and decreed that the claims of any person claiming an interest in, or lie upon, the real property herein described o any part thereof, is without merit, and that they have no claim, right, title, estate or interest whatsoever in and to said real property or any part thereof; that this Court adjudge and decree this plaintiff to be the owner in fee simple absolute of said real property and every part thereof, and to be in the actual and peaceable possession of said property and every part thereof, and establish plaintiff's title thereto against all persons whomsoever; and for such other relief as may be meet, and for plaintiff's costs herein.

WITNESS the hand and Seal of said Court this 16th day of November, 1928.

(SEAL)
ELIZABETH M. KNEESE, Clerk.
E. F. CERQUI, Deputy Clerk.

MEMORANDUM: The first publication of this Summons was in the San Bruno Herald newspaper on the 30th day of November, 1928.

The following persons are said to claim an interest in, or lien upon said real property adversely to plaintiff:

Daly City, California: Richard Francis Bouchie, American Bank Manufacturing Co., New York, N. Y.

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P. T. A. Notes

A cordial invitation is extended to parents and their friends to attend "Fathers' Night" program to be en at the Edgemont School, Friday ning, Jan. 11, 1929, at eight o'clock. Mr. Frank Boren, superintendent of Burlingame and San Mateo High ools, will be the speaker and will lain the County Unit.

n entertaining program is being pre ed by Mr. A. S. W. Grundy. Sev "Daddies" will be featured with l.

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e Edgemont Association members aworking hard to make this "Fa th' Night" program entertaining and insting and are hoping that the sol auditorium will be crowded with frds.

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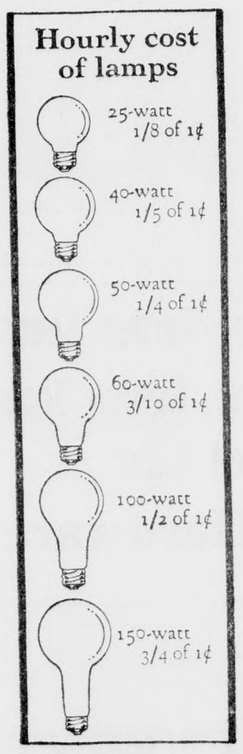

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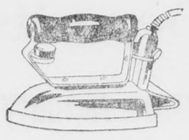

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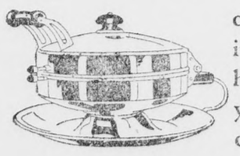

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GENUINE TALKIES AT NEW STANFORD SOON
HOW TALKING PICTURES WERE DEVELOPED

First Heard In New York In August of 1926

Vitaphone is but two years old. Yet in that time it has revolutionized an industry and has transformed the world's most popular medium of entertainment—the motion picture.

It required courage, foresight and imagination to undertake the public introduction of Vitaphone which was to give a voice to the silent drama. In the face of opposition and skepticism Warner Bros. dared when their competitors hesitated. Today as the entire picture business is accepting the arrival of this new era in screen history, Warner Bros. are advancing far ahead of the field with a confidence that is born of practical experience and the assurance of the successful pioneer.

In August, 1926, Warner Bros., as licensee of the Western Electric Company, proclaimed themselves ready to present for public approval the most epoch--making development in screen history. Previous experiments in talking pictures from time to time had proved ludicrous failures. It was suspected that this demonstration would be just one more like the rest.

But Warner Bros'. faith in Vitaphone was not a shallow interest in endowing the screen with a voice to make it a temporary freak novelty. They saw it as the crowning technical perfection of the motion picture. They backed it with their reputations as film executives and the reputation of their company. Moreover, they invested it with the more concrete assets of their own tireless efforts and the vast resources of the organization which carries their name.

First Heard in New York

The first audience to hear Vitaphone assembled at the Warner Theatre in New York. As they entered the playhouse on Broadway there was little enthusiasm for the experience that awaited them. Then the house was darkened and there faded in on the screen the figure of Will Hays. A moment later his voice on the Vitaphone was speaking, telling of the honor he felt as leader of the industry to endorse the marvelous new device. At his first words there was a gasp of breathless astonishment. At last the illusion of speech in connection with the motion picture was real. A spontaneous burst of thunderous applause from the amazed spectators followed and Vitaphone was a success.

The system and appartus employed by Vitaphone were developed by the Bell Telephone Laboratories and the Western Electric Company. Through Vitaphone music, speech and song are electrically reproduced, as the performers seen on the screen appear to render it; music especially played to accompany a certain picture is electrically reproduced in synchronism with the action on the screen; and, in general, the visual and audible presentation of performers is given mechanically and electrically at any place or at any time, without their actual presence in the theatre or hall.

The sound vibrations created by the orchestra are picked from the air by microphones, which are placed out of range of the cameras and yet within a few feet of the players. Where the rendition is that of a single singer or player one microphone is sufficient, but in the performances of large orchestras like the New York Philharmonic, six or more microphones may be used.

From the microphones the fluctuating electrical current passes through wires to the control room where it passes through an amplifying system. Amplifier panels of the Western Electric Public Address System type are used in this connection. Because the current set up by the fluctuations of sound pressure at the diaphragm of the microphone are too minute to operate the registering device which cuts the grooves on the soft wax disk which serves as a master record, this amplifier system is introduced to take the small current at its input and by means of distortionless vacuum-tubes amplify it to the requisite strength. There is also a monitoring system here used in connection with regulating the total volume of sound, a volume indicator, and panels for testing purposes which have nothing directly to do with the registering equipment.

Soft Wax Record

From the amplifier system the current passes to the recorder. Here the fluctuating electrical current is translated into mechanical vibrations. These mechanical vibrations—faithful facsimilies of the sound vibrations which reacted on the diaphragm of the microphone—and recorded on a disk of soft wax by means of a stylus made of sapphire and shaped oval-fashion like the end of a spoon. By means of mechanical filters all extraneous vibrations are eliminated and the movements of the stylus are so governed that all tones are registered with fidelity.

In order to synchronize the picture and the music perfectly, the camera and the turn-table on which the master disk revolves (in another part of the studio building) secure their motive power from two alternating current motors of the synchronous type made to run at uniform speed. To record, the motors are started and gain full speed together and continue to run together. Connected to the recording arm is a suction tube which draws the cut wax particles up and away from the disk.

The operation of the reproducing apparatus is comparatively simple. The average moving-picture operator can be taught to handle the Vitaphone show in a week or less while the average theatre electrician can easily be taught to replace a bad vacuum tube or make minor adjustments in the apparatus. The turn-table is located immediately adjacent to the picture projector, both of which are driven by the same motor, the speed of which is controlled by a speed-control mechanism which keeps the speed constant. The electro-magnetic pick-up mechanism is attached to the turn-table. The amplifier panels are compact and require but a very small amount of floor space. These are also installed in the projection booth and near enough to the projecting apparatus so that the operator can also handle the volume-control mechanism.

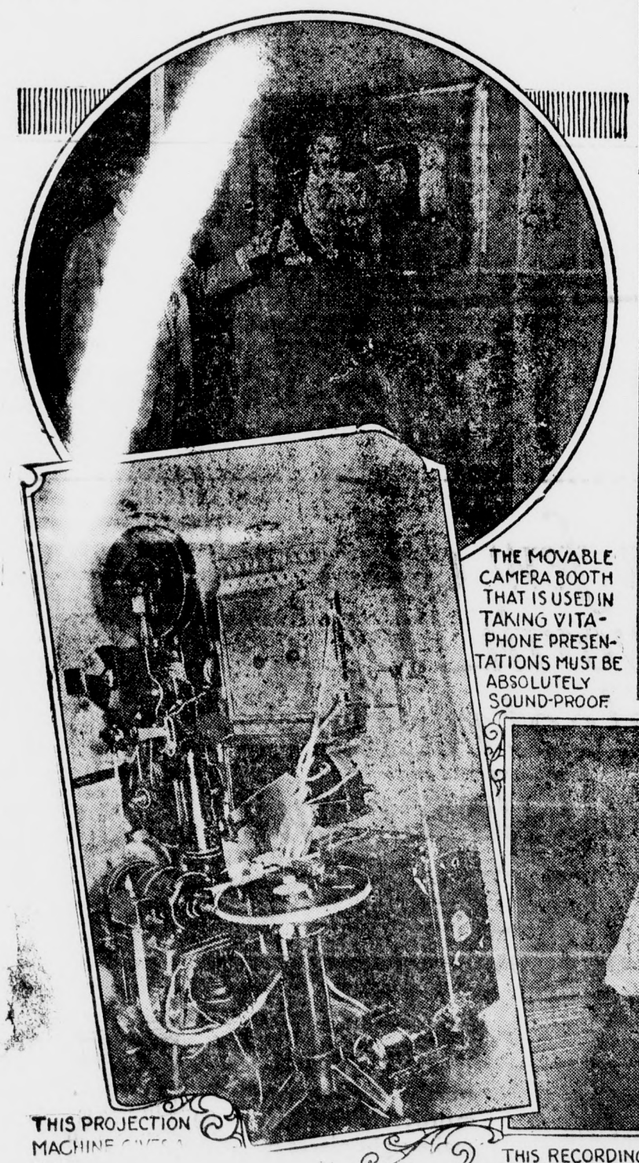
Four Horns Required

For the ordinary theatre two to four horns are sufficient. These horns are of the folded type, and if spread would be twelve or more feet in length.

The electric motor can be run from the usual power supply. A battery room, however, near the projection room is needed for the vacuum tubes.

The actual operation is simple. The record is placed on the turn-table; the needle set on the starting mark; the film threaded into the projection machine with the starting frame opposite the projector opening. The motor is then started and the film and the record are mechanically "run-off" in synchronism. The mechanical vibrations of the needle are transformed into electrical current fluctuations which are in turn, amplified and transformed into sound vibrations from the horns. The horns are so placed that the sound reaches the audience as though coming either from the persons depicted on the screen or, when the music is used only to accompany the cinema story, from the orchestra pit.

Vitaphone is now installed and successful operation in more than theatres throughout the country.



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W. C. T. U. TO MEET IN SAN FRANCISCO NEXT OCTOBER

At the meeting of the State Board of the W. C. T. U. held in San Francisco this week, it was decided to accept invitations of the San Francisco Unions and Chamber of Commerce and other civic bodies of the city to hold the 1929 State Convention in that city next October. The national president is expected to be in attendance and many other visitors of note will also attend and address the assembly.

At Tuesday's session, Mrs. Ione Taft of Colusa was elected vice-president-at-large to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Anna A. Pettit, who took the office of State president following the death of Mrs. Addie Garwood Dobbes last October.

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UNIVERSITY REPORTS ENROLLMENT HAS GREATLY INCREASED

The University of Santa Clara, reopened last week with one of the largest student bodies in its history, according to Reverend Cornelius J. McCoy, S. J., president of the institution.

The University of Santa Clara is one of the leading Catholic institutions in the West and was established by the Jesuits more than half a century ago. Its buildings surround the Old Mission Santa Clara, which was reconstructed last year along its original line, and still houses many the relices of the early days of the Indians and Spaniards.

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California Has Edge On Redshirts

By DON E. LIEBENDORFER

Stanford University, January 11.—By virtue of an impressive early season record, the University of California at Los Angeles basketball quintet is favored over Stanford here Saturday night. It will be the first Conference contest played by either team this year and a capacity crowd is expected to fill the Cardinal pavilion.

The southerners have trimmed Pomona, La Verne, Hollywood Athletic Club. Los Angeles Athletic Club and the Unievrsity of North Dakota. In addition, they broke even in a two game series with the University of Utah. In five of their six victories, the Bruins have run up forty points or more while keeping their opponents well below the thirty mark.

Judging from their record, the Bluehirts have four real scoring threats in their regular quintet. Captain Sammy Balter, a guard, has been high point man in two games; Dick Linthhium, forward, was on top with sixteen digits in the North Dakota tilt; Bill Woodroof, center, is usually a high scorer but has not found himself in this department as yet this season; and Larry Wilde, forward, is highh point man for te Bruins' seven contests to date.

All of which indicates that Husky Hunt's redshirts must function almost perfectly on defense to stop Caddy Work's boys. By virtue of a tremendous spurt, begun when they were trailing by thirteen points in the second half, the Cards nosed out St. Mary's 35-33 in an extra five minute period Tuesday night. The reds looked very badly for a time in this contest and must play the brand of basketball they exhibited in the second period against St. Mary's, from whistle to gong to take the measure of the southern invaders.

In a preliminary game Saturday night, the undefeated Stanford freshmen five will tackle the fast Santa Cruz High School aggregation. The main contest begins at eight o'clock and thhe preliminary at 6:45.

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RECORD SCHOOL EXHIBITS PLANNED FOR 1929 STATE FAIR

With California's State Fair enlarged this year into a Diamond Jubilee and Western States' Exposition, plans have already been put under way by the State Agricutural Society to make every department of the exhibition a record breaker.

The first of the premium offerings, for public school exhibits, announced today by Charles W. Paine, secretary-manager of the Fair, is expected to attract the largest and most comprehensive display of this character ever assembled in the West. Six thousand dollars in cash prizes, in addition to scores of trophies and medals, are offered for various school displays, and another thousand dollars is to be awarded in the State Fair's second annual Spelling Bee.

Pracically all the schools which participated in last year's fair will return with bigger exhibits, and for the first time the Los Angeles county schools will be represented. Word has been received by Mrs. Jane Amundsen, superintendent of the educational department, that many California schools have already started the preparation of their exhibits.

The State Fair this year will run ten days instead of the customary eight because of the 75th anniversary and the participation of western states. It will close with a grand celebration on Admission Day.

Governor C. C. Young and R. A. Condee, president of the State Agricultural Society, are enthusiastic over the possibilities for making the 75th anniversary of the Fair a memorable occasion. The Agricultural Society was organized in May, 1854, and in the Fall of the same year the first State Fair was held in the Mechanics' Pavilion in San Francisco with the livestock show held at Mission Dolores.

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Fred C. Metcalf is at Sacramento where he is attending a session of the Legislature.

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Mrs. Thomas Furman, wife of the chief of police of Menlo Park is in the Community Hospital at Beresford, where she recently underwent a very serios operation. She is reported as well on the road to recovery and is expected home in the near future. Her many friends wish her a speedy return to health.

The city council of Menlo Park by a vote of three to two Monday night declined to fix a date for a recall election. Mandamus proceedings may be invoked by the minority members of the

County Notes

Burlingame this week by a vote of 279 in favor to 801 against gave a most signal defeat to the City Manager form of government. This, inspite of its neighbour to the south, San Mateo, which has made a conspicuous success of the plan.

Monday Dr. Thompson of the Fifth township was chosen chairman of the board of supervisors, vice Poole term expired.

The San Mateo Chamber of Commerce has appointed a special committee to investigate the proposition of the annexation of Beresford within her own corporate limits. The Chamber approaches the idea in favor of the proposition, and will endeavour to overcome any opposition to the plan, should such develop, which appears very unlikely, as Beresford citizens strongly approve the move.

The new and beautiful Sequoia theatre at Redwood City opened for business last Saturday and has been playing to capacity houses during the week. The Arkush Brothers are most assuredly to be congratulated on this latest addition to their chain of houses, which is second to none on the peninsula.

The City fathers of South San Francisco Monday unanimously endorsed the Western Pacific's project for building up the peninsula into San Francisco, and thus develop her own splendid waterfront and harbor facilities!!

The students of the San Mateo Junior College were addressed by Leon Whitsell, retiring president of the State Railroad Commission Wednesday morning. Among other interesting and instructive facts explained by Whitsell were that the commission regulates some 400 water companies, 14 airplane carriers, 59 power companies, and 100 telephone companies in this state.

Coroner J. C. McGovern has commenced suit against Mrs. Nell Miller of San Francisco for $576 damages by reason of her having knocked down a rancher named Pastorino, who received injuries from which he died later.

It is rumored that San Francisco has in contemplation the erection of a big hotel at Mills Field, which has become a very real need owing to the number of passengers arriving at the airport during night hours.

New Writing Classes Open January 15-16

Four new story writing classes in magazine short stories for beginners and advanced students, feature stories for magazines and newspapers and newspaper writing, all open to the public, will organize at U. C. Extension building, 540 Powell street, San Francisco, next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, January 15 and 16, at 7 and 8 o'clock.

Gilbert G. Weigle, instructor, who is a practical writer, points to scores of successful writers, products of these classes, who learned "how to construct" and "how to write" acceptable stories. Registrations are now being made and interested persons are invited to visit the opening meetings. Classes will meet one evening a week.

Solution of Lomita Park Water Problem in Sight

Solution of the fire protection problem at Lomita Park, involving the threatened turning off of water from 20 fire hydrants, appears hopeful, it is stated by members of the district fire commission and representatives of the Pacific Water company, following a conference last Tuesday night in the office of City Attorney J. E. McCurdy, San Mateo.

The commission has begun a study of two or three alternative proposals for increasing assessments in the district sufficient to meet the charge of $102 a month for maintenance of the service. It expects to hold another conference with Attorney McCurdy and the water interests shortly.

Assurances of co-operation by the company were given the district at last night's conference by General Superintendent R. L. Heck, San Mateo. Heck said the conference served to increase hope that a solution will be reached in the near future.

The same report was given by commissioners who said they had been assured of co-operation by the water company and that the meeting last Tuesday was optimistic. Plans for meeting payments on the water service must take form of increased assessments, since extension of the boundaries of the district is not feasible, the conferes agreed. Legal phases of the situation are still to be worked out and are to be made known at the next meeting, it was indicated Wednesday.

For this reason, commissioners said, they are not yet ready to make the proposals public, but expect to call a meeting of taxpayers in the fire district as soon as there is a definite proposition to offer. Hope was expressed on all sides that a solution will be arrived at.

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